

Private Remote Sensing System License

On December 8, 2005, the National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the Department of Commerce, granted a license to Bethesda, MD-based Technica, Inc. (www.technicainc.com) to operate a private, commercial, space-based, electro-optical, remote sensing system named "EaglEye."

EaglEye is designed to be a constellation of four satellites deployed in low-Earth, sun-synchronous orbits. Each satellite will collect imagery of the Earth at a resolution of 0.5 meter PAN ground sample distance at nadir.

The constellation is scheduled to be constructed and deployed over a period of four years from 2006 through 2009. The first satellite is planned to be launched in mid 2008; with the remaining three to be launched over the following 18 months. EaglEye is expected to become initially operational upon activation of the first satellite and fully operational upon activation of the last satellite in late 2009.

Technica intends to procure the satellites and launch services from commercial vendors who are to be selected. Ground receiving stations are planned to be leased from commercial ground station operators. The mission control center is intended to be located in the Washington, DC. area.